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## SCITUATE MAN KILLED IN OVERNIGHT HOUSE FIRE

**BROCKTON** – A Scituate man has been killed in an overnight fire in his home, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz has announced.

At approximately 7:44 pm Tuesday night, Scituate Police and Fire responded to a 911 call from a neighbor reporting a house fire near the end of the street on Edith Holmes Road. Upon arrival at 12 Edith Holmes Road, fire and police found a single-story ranch fully engulfed in fire. Firefighters attempted to gain entry to the home but were unable to due to fire and the presence of heavy clutter in the house. Firefighters observed a male lying in his bed in a rear bedroom of the home and gained entrance through a window to make a rescue. Scituate EMS immediately began lifesaving efforts on the victim, identified as Sean Gorman (DOB: 07/27/73). Gorman was transported to South Shore Hospital in Weymouth but, despite lifesaving efforts, he was pronounced dead at 9:38 pm.

Scituate Police and Fire contacted State Police Detectives assigned to the District Attorney's Office and the Office of the State Fire Marshal to investigate.

Gorman was living with his mother but she was not in the home at the time of the fire. The home suffered a partial roof collapse and was heavily damaged by fire. Scituate Fire remained on scene to extinguish several flare ups overnight.

Preliminary investigative efforts indicate the fire is not suspicious and no foul play is suspected. Gorman's body was transported to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner where an official cause of death will be determined.

The fire remains under investigation by State Police assigned to the Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, Scituate Police and the Massachusetts State Fire Marshal's Office.

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